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SUBJECT: MFA STATEMENT ON EXTENSION OF UNDOF MANDATE

1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ISSUED BY MFA SPOKESMAN ON FEBRUARY 16 IN REGARD TO THE REPORT IN FEBRUARY 23 ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK ON ALLEGED VIEWS OF ALLON AND PERES REGARDING EXTENSION OF UNDOF MANDATE ON MAY 30.

2. BEGIN TEXT: (JERUSALEM - REACTING TO AN AMERICAN WEEKLY'S CLAIMS THAT ISRAEL'S FOREIGN AND DEFENCE MINISTERS WOULD LIKE THE GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE IN ADVANCE THAT THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IS NO LONGER NEEDED TO KEEP THE QUIET ON THE SYRIAN BORDER, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES:

3. INASMUCH AS THE SAID NEWS ITEM RELATES TO FOREIGN

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MINISTER YIGAL ALLON, IT IS INACCURATE. THE PRESENCE

OF A U.N. OBSERVER FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF THE SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT
SIGNED BY ISRAEL AND SYRIA ON MAY 31, 1974.

4. THE PROLONGATION OF THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCES
MANDATE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL EVERY SIX MONTHS IS
NO MORE THAN A TECHNICALITY.

5. ISRAEL HAS NEVER REGARDED AND WILL NEVER REGARD
UNDOF AS A FORCE FOR HER DEFENCE, BUT AS A FORCE TO
MAINTAIN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEPARATION OF FORCES
AGREEMENT, A TASK IT FULFILLS WELL.

6. ISRAEL WILL ON NO ACCOUNT INITIATE REMOVAL OF THE
OBSERVER FORCE, BUT WILL NOT CONSENT TO HAVING THE
PROLONGATION OF ITS MANDATE MADE CONDITIONAL ON ISRAELI
CONCESSIONS OR ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO SYRIA
AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE--OF THE SORT SYRIA TRIED TO OBTAIN
ON THE EVE OF THE MANDATE'S RENEWAL IN NOVEMBER 1975--
EVEN IF THIS RESULTS IN NON-RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE.

7. AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED, THE WAY TO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH SYRIA, WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS ON THE BASIS OF
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, IS OPEN. NO
ATTEMPTS AT BLACKMAIL WILL INDUCE ISRAEL TO AGREE TO

PRIOR CONDITIONS. END TEXT.
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